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SUBJECT: STRIKING BLACK RANDBURG MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES ARRESTED
AND CHARGED WITH BREACH OF CONTRACT

REF: JOHANNESBURG 1133

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS MORNING OF NOVEMBER 1 POLICE ARRESTED BETWEEN 200 AND 300 BLACK RANDBURG ESSENTIAL SERVICES CONTRACT EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSED TO REPORT FOR WORK FOLLOWING DISPUTE OVER WAGES. ON NOVEMBER 4 RANDBURG MAGISTRATE'S COURT CHARGED STRIKERS WITH BREACH OF CONTRACT UNDER RIOTOUS ASSEMBLIES ACT AND REMANDED 70 IN CUSTODY WHILE RELEASING ABOUT 200 WHO AGREED TO RETURN TO WORK.

2. COMMENT: DURING PAST TWO YEARS AUTHORITIES ATTEMPTING TO COPE WITH BLACK STRIKES (MOST OF WHICH HAVE BEEN AGAINST PRIVATE EMPLOYERS) HAVE RESORTED TO WHOLESALE ARRESTS AND FORMAL COURT ACTIONS ON OTHER OCCASIONS. DECISION TO RESORT TO THESE HARSH SANCTIONS IN REACTION TO BARAGWANATH HOSPITAL (REFTTEL) AND RANDBURG STRIKES PROBABLY REFLECTS OFFICIAL DETERMINATION
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TO DISCOURAGE TEMPTATION TO STRIKE FOR REDRESS OF GRIEVANCES

FROM SPREADING INTO PUBLIC SECTOR.

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